Hon. Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

COSMOS GRANITE (WEST), LLC, a Washington limited liability company,

Case No. 2:19-cv-01697-RSM

STIPULATED MOTION TO SEAL

Plaintiff,

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT

v.

MINAGREX CORPORATION, d/b/a MGX Stone,

Noted on Motion Calendar: August 18, 2021

Defendant.

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Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 5(g), Plaintiff, Cosmos Granite (West), LLC ("Cosmos") and Defendant, Minagrex Corporation d/b/a/ MGX Stone ("Minagrex") jointly request that the Court enter an order to Seal/Redact Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment ("Plaintiff's Motion:"). Minagrex understands that Plaintiff's Motion relies on, references, or quotes Exhibits 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 35, 37, 68, 70, 79, 82, 83, and 88 to the supporting Declaration of Rachel S. Black ("Black Declaration"), and alleges that such Exhibits contain confidential information pursuant to the Protective Order entered in this case. Plaintiff takes no position concerning the confidentiality of the aforementioned exhibits or reference thereto in Plaintiff's Motion. Plaintiff contends that Plaintiff's Motion references information from Black Declaration Exhibits 2 and 3, which contain confidential information pursuant to the Protective

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Order entered in this case. Defendant takes no position concerning the confidentiality of Exhibits 2 and 3 and any references thereto in Plaintiff's Motion.

Defendant's position is that the designation of Exhibits 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 35, 37, 68, 70, 79, 82, 83, and 88, and references thereto in Plaintiff's Motion, should be maintained to protect the legitimate private interests of Minagrex and third-parties, to which it owes an obligation of confidentiality, in accordance with the Stipulated Protective Order [Dkt. 16]. Specifically, Minagrex believes that the Exhibits referenced satisfy, individually and collectively, the requirements set forth in \$\mathbb{P}2.2\$ (a), (c), (d), (e), (f), and \$\mathbb{P}2.3\$ of the Stipulated Protective Order [Dkt. 16]. Said Exhibits contain confidential sales information, trade secrets, confidential and sales related communications with third-parties to which Minagrex believes it owes a duty of confidentiality, agreements with third-parties that are not otherwise, supplier lists, information related to the ownership or control of a non-public company, and other previously non-disclosed sales and financial information worthy of the Court's protection as specified in the Stipulated Protective Order [Dkt. 16].

Plaintiff's position is that information in Plaintiff's Motion from Exhibits 2 and 3 should be filed under seal to protect the legitimate private interests of Plaintiff in accordance with the Protective Order issued in this case (Dkt. #16). Exhibits 2 and 3 contain confidential proprietary, and private information that Plaintiff designated as Confidential pursuant to and consistent with the Protective Order entered in this case, because it contains previously nondisclosed information relating to the ownership and control of Plaintiff, a non-public company. Plaintiff has a legitimate business interest in keeping information relating to its ownership and control private, and thus requires that this document be filed under seal. *See* Dkt. #16 at p. 2 ¶ 2.2(a) (stating that confidential information includes "previously nondisclosed material relating to ownership or control of any non-public entity).

After review of each referenced Exhibit, ¶4.4 of the Stipulated Protective Order and Local Rule 5(g), Minagrex and Plaintiff both believe that a less restrictive alternative is not sufficient to

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1	protect the confidential information referenced above because redaction of the same would		
2	substantively frustrate the purpose of its admission.		
3	Plaintiff is filing publicly a redacted Motion concurrently herewith.		
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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

Counsel for Plaintiff conferred with counsel for Defendant in a telephonic meet and confer on August 18, 2021 (Chelsea Samuels and Walker Young participated), and counsel agreed that, per Minagrex's and Plaintiff's representations concerning the confidentiality of the documents at issue, a Stipulated Motion Seal was proper to protect the confidential information, and that there was no alternative to filing under seal.

<u>/s/ Rachel S. Black</u> Rachel S. Black

ORDER Based upon the foregoing and for good cause shown, the Court ORDERS that the Stipulated Motion to Seal is GRANTED. DATED this 16th day of September, 2021. RICARDO S. MARTINEZ CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I hereby certify that on August 18, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record. /s/ Rachel S. Black Rachel S. Black

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